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LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the guidelines issued by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) regarding refund of fees to candidates withdrawing from the courses run by the technical institutions approved by it;

(b) whether the Government is aware that large number of colleges refuse to refund fees and confiscate it when students seek withdrawal from the courses run by them;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the details of complaints received in this regard;

(d) whether there have been number of instances of non-compliance of guidelines on refund of fees by institutions/colleges; and

(e) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon and steps taken to prevent the commercialisation of education?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c) The All India Council for Technical Education(AICTE) has issued a 'Public Notice' conveying instructions to technical Institutions, Universities, including Deemed to be Universities imparting technical education regarding refund of fees and return of original documents in case of students withdrawing from the Institutes/ Universities. A copy of the Public Notice is at Annexure. AICTE has received 1134 complaints/representations from parents/students related to refund of fees /return of original certificates by the Institutions on withdrawal of their admission during the period from Oct., 2007 till date. Out of these, 660 complaints pertained to AICTE. 474 complaints and representations pertaining to Universities and Deemed to be Universities have been forwarded to University Grants Commission for appropriate action.

(d) to (e) According to information furnished by AICTE, there have been instances of non-compliance of guidelines on refund of fees by institutions/colleges.On receipt of the complaints/representations, a notice is issued to the concerned Institutions to refund the fee as per the provision contained in the Public Notice issued by the AICTE in this regard. Any violation of these instructions shall call for punitive action including withdrawal of approval and recognition of erring institutions.